

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

TUNKHANNOCK.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Tunkhanock, Dec. 1.—In the matter of the election for representatives in the county, it is finally decided that a contest is to be had. Mr. Tiffany, the defeated candidate, today filed his petition and obtained an order from President Judge E. M. Dunham, convening the court of common pleas at this place on December 12th next, for the purpose of hearing the petition. The petition filed embraces every election district in the county and alleges improper counting and illegal voting. It will be recalled that at the election, Mr. Tiffany appeared to have been elected by a majority of two votes, until the meeting of the return board on the second day after the election. During the count by that board, it developed that there was a discrepancy in the returns from Monroe township, between the open return sheet and the tally sheet, the former giving Tiffany 108 votes and the latter only 107. The return board decided that the tally sheet was the proper return to count by and according to the figures there given. A. H. Sauter was declared elected by a majority of three. This is one of the matters which will be brought up in the contest and the vote from there will be counted by the court to determine which was the correct figure. The ballot boxes from all the districts will be brought into court and the judges will go over all the ballots to see if they are properly marked, and will also take up the matter of illegal voting. The law gives this matter the right of way over all other business and requires the court to adjourn its regular term, if necessary, in order to finish.

THOMPSON.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Thompson, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Ada Terrell and daughter Stella are spending several days with relatives at Franklin Forks. Thomas Payne, wife and family, of Susquehanna, are turkey with Postmaster B. F. Barnes and family, on Thanksgiving. Fred Pease, of the firm of Barnes & Pease, took his Thanksgiving dinner with Superintendent C. E. Moxley at Halstead. Mrs. Samuel McNally, of Clifton, is spending a few days with Mrs. A. O. Salisbury. Allan D. Miller, of Wyoming seminary, came up to spend Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Miller. Rev. Gehlert, of Scranton, received his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Gehlert, with his presence on Thanksgiving. Rev. A. J. Skiller has taken some time to evangelize this winter. He has just closed a successful work at the Wilson school house in Lewis township. E. R. Barnes and wife, of Herick Centre, spent Thanksgiving with their son, S. D. Barnes, and his family. Dr. Whelan's lectures here the first of the week were attended by good audiences and were enjoyed right well by all in attendance. H. M. Cole and J. H. Rittenhouse came up from Scranton Monday to help their father, Rev. L. Cole, celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday. The good brother is able to sit up and is quite chipmunk now. Dr. L. M. Gates and family and J. W. Browning, esp., and family, all of Scranton, spent their Thanksgiving in town with their aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gates. Mrs. Turner Williams is quite sick at this writing. C. M. Lewis and wife have returned from a Thanksgiving dinner with relatives in Scranton. Station Agent Arthur Foster, of Starbuck, with his wife, took tea at N. S. Foster's last evening. Miss Jennie Cooper returns to her home in Scranton this afternoon, after a week with her sister, Mrs. L. Cole.

DURYEA.

Special to the Scranton Tribune. Duryea, Dec. 1.—Mrs. Owen Tomlinson visited her mother, Mrs. Martin, of West Pittston last week. Mrs. A. J. Baker, of this place, is visiting relatives at Jermyan. Rev. Wilson, of Avoca, was a visitor in town last week. The Erie and Wyoming railroad are busy clearing away the grove from Miller's grove, for the purpose of using it for their new round house and yards. Some time ago the employees of the Moosic Powder Mills sent an appeal to the American Federation of Labor for an organizer to come and help organize. The call was quickly responded to by one of the many worthy organizers of Scranton. He came and at last succeeded in forming what is now known as the United Powder Makers, of Moosic, Pa. The organization at this time is in excellent stand-

LOCUSTS IN ARGENTINE.

Western Farmers May Learn a Lesson from South America. From the Chicago Chronicle. Down in the Argentine Republic, where the merry locust sings his songs, a harvester has been contrived to gather in the insects. There are at least three reasons why the device is excellent. It does the work, it is cheap and the dead locusts are converted into fertilizing material which has a commercial value. A large oblong, covered wooden box, upon supports ten or twelve feet high, presents a wide aperture in front through which the insects are to enter. Leading to this is an inclined plane (termed tramplino), wide at the end resting upon the ground and gradually narrowing toward the upper end, protected on each side by zinc sheets about twelve inches high, over which it is impossible for the young locusts to escape. From these side pieces extend other barriers of the same height and about 30 feet long, each of which is set up edgewise and when in use secured at such distances apart as to entrance to the locusts. The swarms

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of insects are driven toward this enclosure and readily ascend the tramplino, which is painted green (the color of the foliage) into the box, which is then closed until another swarm is collected and driven in, two men being required for this work. The apparatus for destroying the locusts is a roller sustaining a cylinder of iron similar in form to a coffee mill or masher. The cylinder is covered with knives extended obliquely and revolves between high side pieces which almost touch it at their lower extremities and is revolved by a crank. This machine is attached to the back of the box containing the imprisoned locusts, which are allowed to drop into it, when they are cut to pieces. After this the remains of the insects are dried and sold for fertilizing purposes, these being a constant demand in Europe for this material, rich in nitrogen. An easier method of destroying locusts has been discovered, according to reports which come from Cape Colony, South Africa. In 1885 the locusts in that part of the world appear to have been almost destroyed by an epidemic, and investigations carried on by M. S. Evans seemed to prove conclusively that the disease was the result of feeding upon a fungus growth now known as "locust fungus," and that a few insects affected with the malady might communicate it to millions of others. After repeated experiments in the Bacteriological Institute at Grahamstown, Cape Colony, a pure culture is said to have been obtained from the locust fungus, and the insects died that were brought in contact with it at the Institute. In 1897 experiments were carried on a large scale. Immense swarms of locusts perished after the infection of several individuals in each group. It was also found that the fungus was obtained during the periods of rain, when the locusts remain longer in one place, and the spread of the infection was thus facilitated. In dry weather the flight of the insects is more rapid, and, if sick ones are being left behind, they have less chance for the spread of the disease. The Bacteriological Institute now sends out the culture for its use in tubes, which may be conveyed 1,000 miles or more. A national commission of the Argentine Republic several years ago investigated all plans and means for arresting the plague of locusts and finally hit upon a bounty plan for locusts and their eggs destroyed. In six months \$30,000 was paid out in paper currency for 27,000,000 pounds of insects and eggs. Though this quantity seems enormous, yet it is nothing when compared with the immense swarms and prodigious quantities of eggs that still were to be seen. And it appeared that the amount of money paid out in bounties would go on more than all the damage done by the pests.

MARVELS OF PRECOCITY.

A Youngster of Four Years and Five Months Who Read Latin, Greek and Hebrew. From the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post. The stories told in biographies of the precocity of many eminent men almost stagger belief. Yet no fact regarding great men is better attested than that the mental faculties of a large proportion of them were precociously active. Poets and scholars were developed

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Beneath their window the interminable Republican parade had been flowing along the street for hours with the tirelessness of a steady stream, flaunting banners and waving flags, between two banks of silken-umbrella tops that hid the spectators. The music and the cheering roared along with the current ceaselessly. She leaned so far out of the window that she reached a restraining hand to her shoulder. She was waiving a handkerchief that was ridiculously small as a medium for the expression of her enthusiasm, but a file of the paraders cheered her efforts and one young man, smiling up at her, continued to wave his hat and his flag until he had lost his position in the line and was jostled by the file that followed him. He ran back to his place, laughing. She felt the hand on her shoulder, and turned to her companion. Her cheeks were flushed, her eyes wild with the excitement. "Isn't it isn't it jolly," she said. He raised a quizzical eyebrow. "I wouldn't break the parade, if I were you," he said, "by flirting with the impressionable young men."

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ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WEEK.

Lyceum. Monday—Operatic Carnival, for benefit of Halo Homeopathic Hospital, afternoon and night. Tuesday—"Kerry Goo." Wednesday—"Sham Blue." Thursday—Fiddlers' Ball. Friday and Saturday matinee—"Way Down East." Academy of Music. All Week—"The Ideal in Repertoire." Gaiety. First Three Days—"Queen of the Orient." Last Three Days—"The Gay Buttery."

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"The Lost Paradise." The Ideal's opening play, "The Lost Paradise," at the Academy of Music tonight will be successful. The play is a comedy in three acts, and is a military production, "Northern Lights," written around scenes and incidents connected with the Crimean War. A careful portrayal from both scenic and dramatic standpoints is promised. Howard's Twenty-Ninth Century band, which accompanies the Ideal's, will appear on parade on Monday at 11:30 a. m., giving a concert at the Lyceum. The customary popular matinee will be played, commencing Tuesday, and promise to be largely attended. Joseph Murphy Coming. There are no Irish plays having plots of deeper interest, or more ingenious in construction, and none have prettier or more realistic scenic effects than are seen in "Kerry Goo" and "Sham Blue," yet without the true Irish personalities depicted by Dan O'Hara the Larry Donovan and the Sham Blue created by Joseph Murphy, they would go for naught. These delineations are original to Mr. Murphy, suggested possibly by the lines of the play, yet developed by their details by Mr. Murphy's actual knowledge of Irish characteristics, actual acquaintance with the topography, geography, and history of the country, and the play itself Tuesday night, at the Lyceum, "Kerry Goo"; Wednesday night, at Sham Blue."

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